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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Senate of the Faculty

Thursday, February 14, 2002, 7:00 p.m., Room 113, Conner Hall

Meeting called to order with a quorum at 7 p.m.

*Present:* D. Adler, M. Aiken, J. Bentley, L. Bombelli, W. Chen, C. Eagles, J. Ford, G. Herrera, A. Kishk, K. Knight, F. Laurenzo, P. Malone, A. Mark, J. Martin, C. Ochs, R. Oliphant-Ingham, M. Overby, J. Reid, D. Rock, J. Schetz, B. Smothers, K. Sufka, J. Urgo, C. West, N. Wiggers, D. Wilkins, S. Wolcott, M. Zarzeski, J. Zjawiony

*Absent:* E. Acevedo\*, A. Ajootian\*, B. Alidaee\*, J. Aubrey\*, B. Barkdoll, D. Barker\*, N. Bercaw\*, C. Brower\*, L. Cozad, J. Czarnetzky\*, S. Davis\*, K. Dellinger, R. Elam, A. Fisher-Wirth\*, A. Quinney\*, K. Swinden\*, M. Tew\*, A. Trefzer\*

\*Prior notification

### I. Announcements

#### A. Update from meetings with the Chancellor and Provost, Donna Adler, Faculty Senate Chair

##### *Meeting with the Chancellor:*

- **Budget:** discussed a bi-weekly email to update the faculty and staff re: budget issues
- **Student Demographics:** Chancellor would like to continue to focus on under-represented groups and to increase campus diversity
- **Review of Academic Administrators:** Chair Adler indicated that the Senate suggests more frequent reviews of academic administrators, instead of reviews occurring only when up for reappointment. The Chancellor thought this was a feasible idea.

##### *Meeting with the Provost*

- **Search committee formation for academic administrators:** Chair Adler relayed the Chancellor's suggestion that a task force composed of 3 administrators and 3 Senators work out the difficulties regarding this issue. The Provost stated that it was too early to form a task force. The Council of Academic Advisors may not have taken the proposal serious enough due to the fact that former Chair Bush was recommending it so soon before leaving. The Provost requested that a Senator re-present the proposal to the Council.
- **Senate Office:** the Provost indicated that she is currently looking around for space for a permanent Senate office
- **Shortened Semester/increased time between classes:** both the Chancellor and the Provost remarked that they will get back to the Senate on the status of this issue
- **Honor Code:** Provost is interesting in the Senate re-exploring the possibility of an honor code
- **New Campus Management:** A new student information system will be moving on from administrative re-organization to student information systems. A member of IT may come in the future to brief the Senate.

#### B. Update from Council of Academic Administrators' Meeting, Monday, February 11, 2002, Senator Overby, Chair of Governance Committee

##### *Provost made several announcements:*

- The Lyceum received word that the Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) staff will endorse the administration's recommendations regarding programs at the University of Mississippi
- The Political Science, Economics and Math Ph.D. programs have been put on three year probation by the IHL so that they may show their relevancy to the state.
- There is a desire to see the Pharmacy PhD graduation rates increased
- The IHL will meet in the next week
- The Chancellor has definitively decided against hooding the Ph.D recipients at morning commencement ceremony this year. Alternative options are being solicited.
- There is a possibility of a single, University-wide May Day celebration to honor retirees

- An ad hoc committee of Gloria Kellum, Alice Clark, and Provost Staton has been formed to review options for making funding of campus conference more efficient and equitable
- Presentation by Kathy Gates (Director, Academic Computing and Support) regarding upcoming changes in campus management systems; mainly reorganization of Turner Center fee payment processes
- Announcement by Dean John Meador re: library hours. NOTE: *since announcement was made in Council of Academic Administrators, the library hours have been further extended this semester by the Provost at the request of the students.* Current hours are available @:  
[https://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general\\_library/files/hours.html](https://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/files/hours.html)

**C. Elections Committee** Nancy Wiggers is now the Chair of the Elections Committee

**D. Ad hoc Senate Committee: headed by Senator Overby to explore faculty governance issues in the Honors**

**College** Honors College faculty requested that the Senate investigate the replacement of the Director of the Honors College. An ad hoc committee has been appointed: Marvin Overby, Aileen Ajootian, Susan Wolcott, Ahmed Kishk, and Donna Adler.

**E. Reorganization of the Business School** The Chancellor, Provost and Dean of the Business School all offered to speak at the next Senate meeting. There is a Senate task force currently focusing on possible Senate roles in this issue which will consider future speakers.

## **II. Old Business**

**A. Minutes of the January 17, 2002** Senate meeting were approved without dissent.  
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## **III. New Business**

**Date for March Faculty Senate Meeting,** Executive Committee proposed the motion that an extraordinary meeting be called on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. due to Spring Break. The motion passed without dissent.

**Meeting officially adjourned at 7:23 p.m.**

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